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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, AF

SUBJECT: ABDICATION OF AFGHAN KING

1. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US THAT AFGHAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH CONCERNING ABDICATION STATEMENT WHICH KING ZAHIR PLANS ISSUE TODAY. AFGHAN EMBASSY PARTICULARLY DESIRED ADVICE HOW STATEMENT SHOULD BE RELEASED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE WIDEST PUBLICITY. FONOFF SUGGESTED THAT STATEMENT BE GIVEN TO MAJOR ITALIAN WIRE SERVICE ANSA AS WELL AS OTHER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

2. AFGHAN EMBASSY REP TOLD FONOFF THAT ABDICATION DECISION WAS REACHED FOLLOWING VISIT TO KABUL BY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR BEARING LETTER FROM KING. AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO TOME IN RECENT DAYS WITH REPLY FROM PRESIDENT DAUD WHICH APPARENTLY PROMPTED KING TO ACT. FONOFF SOURCE SURMISES THAT SOME SORT OF DEAL MAY HAVE BEEN

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STRUCK CONCERNING KING'S FUTURE STATUS. HOWEVER, FONOFF ASSUMES

ZAHIR WILL REMAIN IN ROME FOR TIME BEING IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT
HE HAS RECENTLY RENTED LIVING QUARTERS HERE.VOLPE

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